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From: Chief of Naval Operations
Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY MILITARY WORKING DOG (MWD)
PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5585.1 (NOTAL)
(b) OPNAVINST 5350.4B (NOTAL)
(c) OPNAVINST 5400.24D

Encl: (1) MWD Manual

1. Purpose. To issue policies, procedures, provide guidance and set standards for the administration of the MWD Program at Navy and Marine Corp shore installations and activities. This instruction is a substantial revision and should be read in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5585.2A and form OPNAV 5585/7.

3. Background. The MWDs unique capabilities are used by military police to defend bases and resources, and to help enforce military laws and regulations. Reference (a) implements Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5200.31 of 7 September 1983 (NOTAL) which establishes the U. S. Air Force as the DoD MWD program manager, provides policy, prescribes procedures and assigns responsibilities within DoD. Reference (b) provides Chief of Naval Operations policy concerning the use of Drug Detector Dog (DDD) Teams. Reference (c) establishes area and regional coordination responsibilities.

4. Concept. Like other highly specialized pieces of equipment, MWDs supplement and enhance the capabilities of military police. When integrated into existing military police forces, MWD teams enable those forces to perform their mission more effectively and, in many cases, with significant savings in manpower, time and money.

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a. The MWD program inventory consists of patrol, patrol/drug detector (P/DD), patrol/explosive (P/E), DDD, and explosive detector dog (EDD) teams. Each team is made up of one certified MWD and one certified handler.


b. Unlike sentry dogs, the patrol dogs used today by the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps are tolerant of people and can be used in almost any area of a military installation including housing, shopping, industrial, and flight line areas.


c. Patrol dog teams can be used not only for routine patrol duties, but also for intruder detection, tracking, and from listening or observation posts.

d. P/DD, DDD, P/E or EDD teams have the capabilities of detecting drugs or explosives that a human working alone would be unable to locate.

5. Forms and Reports. Forms, reports, and documentation procedures to be used by Navy security detachments/ departments, and Marine Corps provost marshals, are located in appendix B. These are the only forms authorized for MWD personnel.

6. Action. Enclosure (1) establishes policy and guidance for the daily operations of the MWD programs within the Navy and Marine Corps. Addressees will comply with provisions of enclosure (1).


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